



Minnesota Ag News – Sheep and Goats

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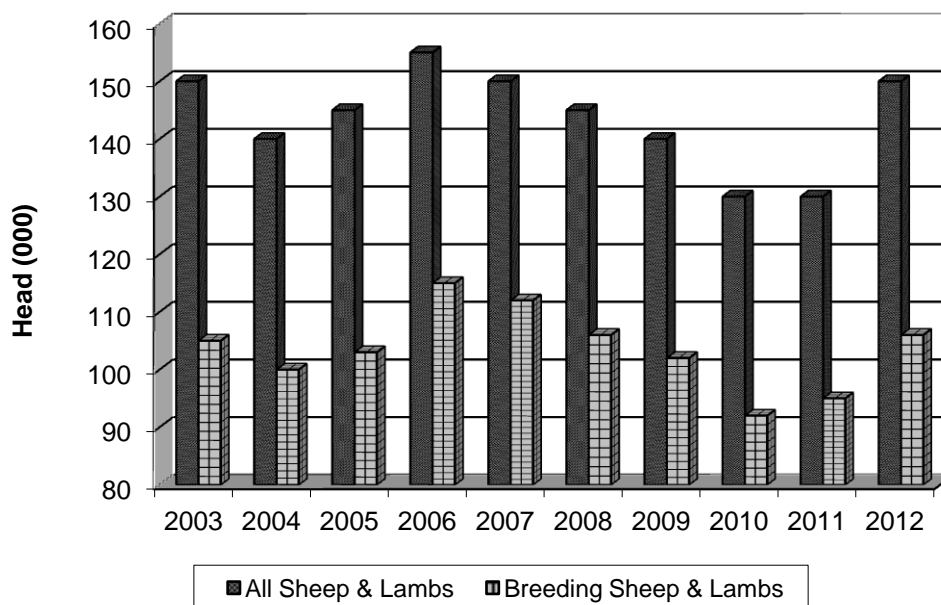
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MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UP FROM 2011

Minnesota's January 1, 2012, sheep and lamb inventory at 150,000 head was up 15 percent from last year, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding stock numbers were up 12 percent at 106,000. The remaining inventory of 44,000 market lambs and sheep was up 26 percent from last year. Of the 44,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 43,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 9,000; 65-84 pounds: 10,000; 85-105 pounds: 10,000; over 105 pounds: 14,000.

Minnesota's 2011 lamb crop totaled 135,000 head, up 8 percent from the previous year. The 2011 lambing rate was 175 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2011, compared with 164 per 100 ewes in 2010.

All Sheep & Lambs and Breeding Sheep & Lambs Minnesota 2003-2012



MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM 2010

Minnesota's 2011 wool production totaled 870,000 pounds up 5 percent from the 2010 level. Minnesota is ranked 11th in 2011 U.S. wool production. The 140,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2011 were up 8 percent from 2010. Fleece weight averaged 6.20 pounds, down from 6.40 pounds the previous year. Value of the state's 2011 wool production was 539,000 dollars, up 51 percent from the previous year's value of 357,000 dollars. Average price per pound for 2011 was 62 cents, up 19 cents from the 2010 price.

MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 6 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2012, meat and other goat inventory, at 23,500 head, was down 6 percent from the January 1, 2011, figure. The milk goat inventory, at 11,500 head, was down 4 percent from the 2011 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000 head, were unchanged from last year.

U.S. TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2012, down 3 percent from 4.08 million head on January 1, 2011. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012, totaled 1.37 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-two percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2011 lamb crop of 3.51 million head, was down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 percent from 2010.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2011 was 29.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.03 million head, also down 4 percent from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was a record high \$1.67 per pound for a total value of 48.9 million dollars, up 40 percent from 35.0 million dollars in 2010.

U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.38 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Does one year old and older, at 1.78 million head, were 3 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 487,000 head, down 5 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2011 totaled 1.88 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2010. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.36 million head on January 1, 2012, down 4 percent from 2011. Milk goat inventory was 360,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2011, while Angora goats were down 15 percent, totaling 146,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2011 was 865,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 149,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.8 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.12 per pound with a value of 3.56 million dollars.

Goats: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2011-2012

Item	Total	Breeding	Market	Kid Crop ¹
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
2011				
Angora	172,000	150,000	22,000	80,000
Milk	360,000	325,000	35,000	265,000
Meat	2,464,000	2,011,000	453,000	1,566,000
All	2,996,000	2,486,000	510,000	1,911,000
2012				
Angora	146,000	130,000	16,000	81,000
Milk	360,000	324,000	36,000	267,000
Meat	2,356,000	1,921,000	435,000	1,531,000
All	2,862,000	2,375,000	487,000	1,879,000

¹ Kid Crop for 2011 refers to kids born in 2010. Kid Crop for 2012 refers to kids born in 2011.